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Synopsis:

Peter Hinges, a preacher who endeavors to spread the gospel in the mountains, rears his two sons, David and Charlie. David is worthy of his father but Charlie leaves home at an early age and spends his days in dissipation. Peter feels the approach of death and sends David away to a brother's ranch in Big Horn Basin - with his blessing. He sends his servant Swink, to Jacktown for Charlie. Charlie has had a "hunch" that his father wanted him and broke out of jail to go to his old home. His father curses him, telling Charlie that his own brother David will humble him to the dust and punish him for his wasted life. Charlie does not believe that anyone can beat him.

Charlie broods over his father's curse - in the saloon run by "China" Jones, an evil character. Jones has lured to the den a dancing girl named Jacinta, who is under the partial protection of a fortune teller, Augustina. The latter sees in Charlie a means of their deliverance, and persuades him to take Jacinta out of Jones' clutches. Charlie, interested in the girl, confronts Jones and is defied. Charlie promises to return that evening and take the girl away. Jones gets his bullies in readiness, and, that evening, after Jacinta has danced, Jones defies Charlie. The bullies jump him, but Charlie's prowess is too much for them and he is victorious. Jones attempts to use a revolver, but Jacinta "covers" him, and Charlie wreaks his vengeance on Jones, before leaving the town with Jacinta and Augustina. Charlie learns that Jacinta likes his strength, but, remembering his father's words - "he is a fighter without a soul," cannot persuade her to marry him. She wants a strong man with a soul. So Charlie believes that he can wipe out his former wickedness by finding his brother, asking his forgiveness and his blessing. So they all head toward Big Horn Basin.

On the way they stop at the ranch of Peg Reverdy, who protects them from a gang headed by China Jones. Reverdy gives them a discarded circus wagon, thus enabling them to earn a livelihood through the prairie towns. Charlie is known as "Charles the Wrestler" and the fortune-teller and Jacinta do their specialties. In the meantime, Charlie has heard that David is quite a wrestler himself. The troupe reaches Elko, and Charlie issues his challenge to wrestle anyone. A match is arranged between him and David - the latter not recognizing his brother when they meet. Jacinta has already told Charlie that she loves him - no matter what happens, but this is forgotten by Charlie when he sees looks exchanged between Jacinta and David. He is jealous, and plans to break David first, before asking his blessing.

The two brothers wrestle and David is victorious. Augustina reviles Charlie and as he believes that Jacinta loved his strength and has transferred her love to David, he sends her from him. Jacinta obtains a position as dancer for Phil Beason, rascally owner of the dance hall. David return to plead his cause with Jacinta, but she repulses. On the night of her first dance, China Jones appears in town and Augustina takes him to her room while she reads the cards. David appears and going to Jacinta's room, pleads with her to marry him. She agrees - only to get away from the drunken mob before which she must dance. Augustina settles an old score by shooting and killing Jones.

David and Jacinta make their escape, and Phil Beason finds the murdered man. Augustina accuses David and Jacinta, and Beason, anxious to do away with David, rides out after him with a gang. Charlie rides up to the dance hall, planning to fight his way through to Jacinta as he did once before. Swink tells him what happened and he starts off to save David from a lynching.

Beason and his gang overhaul David and Jacinta in the cabin, and they are about to lynch David, when Charlie appears and confesses the murder. Unwilling to let David out of his clutches, Beason plans to lynch them both. Jacinta, knowing that David is innocent, and knowing that Charlie would never use a gun in order to kill a man, recalls a threat once made by Augustina. She rides back to town, forces Augustina to confess, and gathers some of the townspeople to save David and Charlie. David asks Charlie why he came out ~~there~~ there to sacrifice himself, and Charlie explains that he sinned against David's father -- and that Jacinta prefers David.

As the two are about to be lynched, Jacinta and the posse arrive and save them. Charlie finds that Jacinta loves him after all. Then he discloses his identity to David and is forgiven and blessed.

The end.

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